

# We Can Do It!



## *The Flying Badger*



Cover created by SrA Chris Hibben

Rosie the Riveter started a revolution for women in the workforce. Women of the 440th, like Staff Sgt. Felita Calvin, 440 MSG/SVF, are proudly carrying on the tradition.

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# Air Force values influence all you do

by Lt. Col. John "Jay" Flournoy

I recently went to Texas to witness one of our young lieutenants get his pilot wings. While sitting there, watching his fiancée and parents proudly pin the silver wings to his chest, I imagined the road that lies ahead for them as they experience his new career as a member of the United States Air Force.

I could see the utmost pride that his entire family had in his noteworthy accomplishment and perhaps even a little apprehension over what was yet to come. I also thought about those that have come before him and blazed the trail that he will now take.

Over the past four months, the 440th Airlift Wing has watched five chief master sergeants don their blue uniforms one last time after serving a combined total of over 170 years of faithful and honorable service to this nation.

Rest assured, they didn't get to the top by "just" doing their jobs.

Do you think that when Chiefs Dibb, Fleischmann, Frahm, Kuzma and Thomas raised their right hands for the first time as chiefs that they ever thought they would be a part of some of the most important events in our nation's history? One might think... "that would have been so cool to have seen the Wright brothers first flight or to have marched in the ticker tape parade celebrating the end of World War I in downtown New York."

Hold on now; these warriors of the 440th aren't that old, but they did play a monumental role supporting historical Air Force events and preparing the up and coming generation for the things to come.

From Vietnam, the destruction of the Iron Curtain, the collapse of the Berlin Wall, Operations Desert

Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Provide Promise, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, these men served with distinction, honor and integrity.

These chiefs unselfishly gave of themselves and continuously prepared themselves for the next challenge. Each of these men embodied the character and valor shared by so many great leaders of our past.

Have you prepared yourself for the next bend in the Air Force road? In your role as leader, are you doing your part to ready your troops for what lies over the next ridgeline?

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**Serve with pride and  
live....everyday with  
Integrity, Service before  
Self, and Excellence in  
All You Do.**

**-Lt. Col. Flournoy**

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Long before the Air Force leadership adopted the core values of "integrity, service before self, and excellence in all we do," a famous general was living those values and served his entire career with unbending commitment to valor.

Gen. Robert E. Lee promoted and lived each day as an example to all of his subordinates, both friend and foe. Three quotes sum up his commitment to those core values and serve as great examples to us all.

On integrity, "It is the men of...high integrity and commanding intellect that the country must look to give character to her councils, that she may be respected and honored by all nations." (i)

On service before self, "I am willing to serve in any capacity to the authorities may assign me." (ii)



**Lt. Col. Flournoy**

On excellence, "It is particularly incumbent on those charged with instruction of the young to set them an example."

(iii) I salute Chiefs Dibb, Fleischmann, Frahm, Kuzma and Thomas for being great examples and preparing the rest of us for things to come. I salute all of the 440th members for your sacrifice, dedication and service, knowing that you are representing your units, the Air Force Reserve and your country with honor.

Finally, I salute our newest members of the Air Force and challenge you to prepare yourself for the experiences of a lifetime.

The road you choose to follow in your Air Force career may be freshly paved, full of potholes or not even built yet. Your challenge is to ensure that you put yourself in a position that best prepares you for that road.

Serve with pride and live as General Lee and these fine Chiefs did every day with integrity, putting service before self, and pursuing excellence in all that you do.

(i) Rodd Gragg, *A Commitment to Valor* (Nashville, Tenn: Rutledge Hill Press) 2001, 44.

(ii) Gragg, *A Commitment to Valor*, 104.

(iii) Gragg, *A Commitment to Valor*, 36.



# Women's History-They tell their stories

by Liz A. Stoeckmann

March is National Women's History Month. Throughout the course of history, the role of women has changed, aiding in the shaping of our society's history. The accomplishments that women have achieved over the years have shown the important role of the woman as a force in history, as well as an inspiration to those following in their footsteps.

The women of the 440th are no exception. These women have excelled in their respective fields, as commanders, officers, airmen, combat warriors, police officers, doctors, nurses, maintainers, aircrew, support staff, personnel specialists, engineers, dentists and family support specialists. Many times, these women are the ground-breaking generation in their family to carry out this kind of employment and are possibly accomplishing things that many women have not yet experienced. The following are personal reflections from a former first lady and members of the 440th:

**"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.'...You must do the thing you think you cannot do."**

-Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)  
*You Learn by Living* (1960)



Photo submitted by Maj. Jean Pyzyk

Maj. Jean Pyzyk respectfully lays flowers at the gravesite of a fallen American WWII Air Force pilot, the "Fallen Angel."



Photo submitted by 1st Lt. Jaime Clark

## 1st Lt. Jaime Clark, Navigator

"I am very proud to be a woman in the United State Air Force. After flying in the Middle East, I became even more thankful for the rights and liberties that women in America have today. Unlike those in the Middle East, we are able to vote, we can walk and interact in public with others without a male escort and more importantly, we are given the liberty to pursue any career field."

Left: MSgt. Albert Hurlbutt, Lt. Col. Timothy Ward, 1st Lt. Jaime Clark, Maj. Michael Louer

## Patty Danes, Finance Services Officer

"January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1975 was a cold and sunny Monday and my first day of work at the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. I was hired as a police officer. I was excited and nervous at the same time. While attending college the only people I talked to about my future career were police officers who were men! My first assignment was to "man" the gate. From that day forward I have enjoyed every minute here at the 440<sup>th</sup>. I was able to secure a lasting relationship with Chief Danes and mentor a step-daughter to a like career. I have worked for two successful chiefs – Chief (Ed) Thomas and Chief (Al) Shutta (both 440<sup>th</sup> retirees). They mentored me and coached me. They both told me that nothing could hold me back. With that in mind, I went back to college and got a feel for some accounting. I discovered that having mathematical skills is not what is needed to manage a finance office, rather people skills are. Listening to concerns and caring about the results has ultimately helped me in understanding the needs of my customers. I am not sure that you can teach someone to care about people. Only through experience with hardship and grief can one ultimately grow to care."



Photo submitted by Patty Danes  
Danes in 1975

## Maj. Jean Pyzyk, Maintenance Executive Officer

During my stay in the Czech Republic in May 2001, a group of Czech town officials and military officers asked me to represent the United States and the U.S. Air Force by laying a bouquet of flowers at the grave of an American WWII Air Force pilot during a memorial celebration. This exact moment is what defined my military career as a female military officer. I was not only touched by the gesture, but the symbolism that surrounded me was deeply profound. It was at this moment when I realized how far our nation, our global community, and women in the military have come since WWII. Here I was standing at the grave, surrounded by one-time communist male military officers, celebrating the heroism of an American soldier, who sacrificed his own life in order to save numerous innocent lives in an Eastern European country during a world war. WOW!

During the course of my stay, many of the one-time communist soldiers shared with me the fact they were educated early on that Americans were their enemy, and America will be defeated. Sixty years after that was the end of WWII, I feel blessed to be able to continue my military service, not only as a member of the Air Force Reserve, but as a proud American citizen. Personally, my dual role as a military officer and as an English teacher solidifies the beauty of our nation's ability to unite all people from all races, and all countries in order to strive for "WE" as a global community working together for peace and democracy. I am reminded of all the positive outcomes that the end of a war holds in store for all of us. Sometimes during the fog and friction of war it is easy to lose sight of how bright the future of those we are helping may be.

I truly believe the moment in history when I visited the grave from a former U.S. soldier was the most rewarding and remarkable highlight during my 20 year military career.

# Clinical social worker AFSC new to 440<sup>th</sup>

by Staff Sgt. Denise Quasius

A new face has joined the ranks of the 440<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron. His mission is to monitor the mental health of 1,500 members of the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. The newly created position, clinical social worker, is a new program in the Air Force Reserve and the 440<sup>th</sup> is fortunate to be among the first to use it.

Capt. Sean Hoyer, born in Waukesha, is the individual tasked with the job. As a civilian, Hoyer has worked as a clinical social worker for 10-years dealing primarily with youth and families and crisis intervention.

Hoyer's primary goals are education, assessment, prevention and referral of members and their families related to operational stress, suicide prevention and domestic abuse.

"Intervention at the early stages of problems can lead to prevention of those problems becoming full blown," said Hoyer.

An example of this would be a parent recognizing that their five-year-old is acting out during times when the other parent is deployed. This is a normal reaction to stress and Hoyer can provide educational materials, support systems



USAF photo

Capt. Sean Hoyer is the new clinical social worker assigned to the 440<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron. His mission will be to monitor the mental health of members of the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

and referrals to agencies that can help with these types of situations.

Additionally Hoyer will serve as a member

of the critical incident stress management team. The team is part of the Air Force Reserve Command rapid deployment team. Their objective is to deal with the emotional fallout for family members when a catastrophic event occurs. Generally the team is comprised of military members with different AFSCs. The group is put together based on their area of expertise and based off of what type of incident occurred. As a rule the team does not respond to incidents at their home base locations because they may be personally affected by the tragedy.

Over the next few months Hoyer will be soliciting suggestions from commanders and first sergeants on how to get the program up and running.

"The most important thing is to give people an increased awareness of supports available to them and help them feel comfortable about getting their needs met," said Hoyer.

Hoyer is located in the 440<sup>th</sup> Medical Support building and can be reached at 482-6009. He said that he welcomes any input with regards to program development.



Photo submitted by Capt. Chris Brennan

A 440<sup>th</sup> C-130 crew commanded by Maj. Patrick Slattery found that support from home can be found in unexpected places. The crew left their deployed home station on Jan. 8 and arrived at "K-2," Karshi-Khanabad Air Base in Uzbekistan, on Jan. 9. When they went to K-2's dining facility they were greeted by the banner seen on the wall behind them. Capt. Chris Brennan said that the banner was signed by people from all around the state. They were not sure of the group that sponsored the banner, "but it was nice to see," said Brennan. The 440<sup>th</sup> crew members in the picture are Master Sgt. Andrea McClam (back row, left) and Maj. Patrick Slattery (back row, right); Captain Brennan (middle row, left), Tech. Sgt. Eric House (middle row, right); Senior Master Sgt. Carmon Francher (front row, left) and Capt. Todd Moore (front row, right).



# Crew chief on the job at "The Rock"

SSgt. Brad Gardebrecht highlighted in monthly deployed newspaper

**Editor's note:** This article and photo originally ran in the Rock Slate, a newspaper for members of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing.

**Unit:** 386th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Job:** Crew chief

**Home Unit/Base:** 440th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, General Mitchell IAP-ARS, Milwaukee.

## How do you support the mission here?

As an engine run qualified crew chief, I perform pre-flight inspections, post flight inspections and complete required servicing and operational checks to ensure each C-130 is ready for its next combat mission.

## How many times have you deployed to the AOR and what makes this one unique?

I've deployed several times with the 440th Airlift Wing; this is my second deployment to Ali Al Salem in 2004. We are used to working alongside our Air National Guard counterparts here and during Operations Joint Forge and Coronet Oak. This time it's unique because we're adding active duty into the operation which we didn't have for most of 2004. It's rare that we get to work this closely and for so long with our active duty counterparts.

## What will make this deployment memorable?

The job itself is really quite similar. However, due to the number of missions we are flying on a daily basis the job takes on a completely different intensity level.

Plus in the deployed environment, we do not have all the additional support equipment and services we are used to at our home station. We just adapt to the different situations on a regular basis and that ensures the mission gets done.



*Photo by Senior Airman Nicole Spence*

Staff Sgt. Brad Gardebrecht, 386th Expeditionary Wing and 440th crew chief, checks the railing during the pre-flight inspection.

# Racing toward triathlon success

## Maintenance technician qualifies for Ironman World Championship

by Staff Sgt. Denise Quasius



*Photo courtesy of Action Sports International*

Master Sgt. Richard Rischman appears focused and determined as he peddles his way through the 112-mile-bike ride portion of the Madison, Wis. Ironman competition.

What can you do in 10 hours 12 minutes 30 seconds? For most of us we get out of bed, shower, work a full day and then return home. Imagine that instead of rolling out of bed and putting on your work clothes, you pull on your work out clothes, lace up your sneakers and embark on a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run.

Master Sgt. Richard Rischman, a communication navigation technician with the 440th Maintenance Squadron, has qualified for the Ironman World Championship Oct. 15, 2005, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Each year, over 50,000 triathletes from more than 50 countries attempt to qualify for the world's most famous endurance event.

### Ironman ready

The Ironman consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike and a 26.2 mile run, which must be completed within the allotted 17-hour time frame. Training for the race typically requires 18 to 24 hours per week for six to eight months in order to develop the endurance needed to complete the 140.6-mile event.

The Ironman Triathlon began in 1978 with a debate among friends about which athletes are most fit: swimmers, runners or bikers. One participant proposed combining three existing races together, to be completed in succession. Fifteen athletes entered the first competition; 12 finished.

Rischman has been competing in Ironman competitions for the past five years. "I began racing six years ago, I have always loved to run and bike," he said.

Training is a key part of his success. "I began training on my own but found that I was ineffective be-

cause I was always pushing myself too hard. I talked to some friends who provided me with a training plan. I began to train smarter not harder," he said.

Rischman joined running, biking and swimming clubs to surround himself with a support system. He became a member of SEAL Mask, a Grafton, Wis., based triathlon club that has a stated purpose to promote sponsors, have fun, be competitive at all distances in triathlon and duathlon and raise money and awareness for the James Wandschneider Pulmonary Research Fund.

"You have to be dedicated to both training for an Ironman competition and accomplishing the mission of the Air Force," said Rischman. "You cannot look at short term gains; you must look at the big picture and the long term objectives."

Rischman enjoys the thrill of competition. Often he has been asked "What do you think about for 10 hours?" His response is, "I focus on the race. Did I eat enough, did I drink enough and what is my heart rate?" He concentrates on the steps it takes to accomplish the mission.

### Challenges of the race

There are times when Rischman encounters challenges along the race course. During one Ironman he had three flat tires during the bike portion. Rather than give up he continued to focus on finishing the race not allowing the obstacles to deter him from his goal.

"A true professional finishes the race even if you are having a bad day," he said. "I spent all year training for the event, it wasn't a matter

## FIT TO FIGHT

of winning it was a matter of fulfilling my goal of finishing. I always finish a race.”

Rischman left in December for his second tour of duty in Southwest Asia. “It’s tough to leave during the holidays,” he said. “But there are 20,000 other people

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“A true professional finishes the race even if you are having a bad day,”

-Master Sgt. Richard Rischman

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who want to come home and I want to help get them home.”

While in the AOR, Rischman will continue to train for different events. “I will take a month to relax and do some weight training,” he said. “I generally begin to train for the Ironman four months ahead of time.”

During his last deployment Rischman was able to train with several other members of the Air Force for the Boston Marathon. Morale Welfare and Recreation even sponsored a four-mile race every other Saturday for service members to compete.

The camaraderie that Rischman enjoys in the racing community is the same that he shares with his Air Force family. As he reaches maturity in his racing career he enjoys, more and more, the ability to coach and train the younger generation. He developed training plans for fellow servicemembers during his last deployment to help them get ready for the Air Force fitness test. Currently he is training a young runner to compete in her first marathon.

“The best feeling is while you are running that last mile of the race,” he said. “The crowd is cheering louder and louder as you get closer to the finish.”

“I am always driving myself to do better,” said Rischman.

If you are interested in taking part in a marathon, duathlon or triathlon, Rischman recommends joining a club or find someone who has experience in the events to help you train.



*Photo courtesy of Action Sports International*

Rischman crosses the finish line in Madison with a time of 10 hours 12 minutes and 30 seconds.



# There's something in the water...

by Senior Airman Deanne Perez

What do a C-130 crew and two lucky 440<sup>th</sup> families have in common?

The lucky number 6.

While many know it takes a team of six aircrew members to fly the massive C-130, not everyone knows about the sets of triplets born to two 440<sup>th</sup> members.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, only 6,898 triplets were born out of more than four million births in 2002. That's a less than .2 percent chance of delivering triplets. And the chance that two sets were born to two 440<sup>th</sup> members in less than two months is...well...**really** slim.

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Koldenhoven, 95th Airlift Squadron, and his wife Phyllis welcomed Natalie, Samantha and Amanda on Oct. 21, 2004. Then on Nov. 17, 2004, Capt. Scott Uselding, 440th Mission Support Group and his wife Shawna, introduced Dru, Tara and Dayne to their family.

The Uselding family, now five children strong, is thankful for the blessing of their daughters.

"They're a miracle," Capt.



photo by Captain Scott Uselding

Uselding babies, Dayne, Tara and Dru.

Uselding said about them, "But lots of work."

He holds the physicians and the hospital staff that assisted them throughout the pregnancy in high

regard.

"You put your faith in the hospital and in the doctors and you just go," Uselding said.

The Koldenhoven's were

"really excited" to hear they were expecting triplets.

Now that they're approaching four months of age, Phyllis fields many of the same questions from people who are amazed by the miracle of triplets.

She took the time to share some of the answers from her newborns' perspectives during their christening ceremony on Jan. 9.

Both sets of triplets are home doing well. Both sets of parents, while maybe a bit tired, are elated and doing well also. The rest of us should watch out because who knows - in about 24 years we may see the six girls forming their own C-130 crew.



Koldenhoven babies, Natalie Marie, Samantha Lee and Amanda Nicole

photo by Staff Sergeant Scott Koldenhoven

**"We're either changing diapers, feeding babies, burping them or catching a catnap."**

*-The Koldenhoven's answering machine.*



# AFRC vice commander retires

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, retired after nearly 39 years of military service in a ceremony Jan. 21 at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, Ga.

Retired Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, former Air Force Reserve chief and AFRC commander, officiated the ceremony. General Batbie's retirement will take effect March 15.

Maj. Gen. David Tanzi, AFRC's 10th Air Force commander, assumed responsibility for the daily operations of the command during a commander's conference Jan. 21 following the retirement ceremony.

"Needless to say, the operations tempo for this command was near its peak when I returned to AFRC's headquarters as the vice commander in November of 2001," said General Batbie. "The credit for AFRC's continued success goes to the more than 76,000 reservists and 4,000 civilians I had the privilege to work with."

As the vice commander, General Batbie oversaw the day-to-day operations for the Air Force Reserve Command and its headquarters here. AFRC has about 76,100 reservists who train and deploy regularly. The command is composed of three numbered Air Forces divided into 36 wings, three flying groups, one space group, four space operations squadrons and 620 mission support units. He reported to Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Air Force Reserve chief and

AFRC commander, who serves on the Air Staff at the Pentagon.

General Batbie began his military career in 1966 as a U.S. Army armor officer and helicopter pilot. He joined the Air Force Reserve in 1972 as a helicopter pilot and became a fixed wing pilot in 1979 after graduating from the Air Force Fixed Wing Qualification Course at Sheppard AFB, Texas. As a command pilot, he accumulated more than 5,000 flight hours in the A-10, A-37, KC-10, KC-135, AH-1G, HH-34J and CH-3E.

During his career, he had numerous supervisory and command positions, including director of operations; squadron, group, wing and numbered Air Force commander; and director of Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs for U.S. European Command. Prior to General Bradley's nomination, General Batbie served as the interim AFRC commander after General Sherrard's retirement in May 2004.

In 1983, the general was the first Air Force Reserve officer to be assigned to Europe as a Reserve statutory tour officer. He coordinated Reserve affairs in both the plans and operations directorates and served as negotiator for the establishment of collocated operating bases in Greece and Turkey.

He spent more than seven years at Robins AFB. From June 1994 to September 1998, he was director of plans and programs. While in that position, General Batbie was promoted to major general July 1, 1997. After his tour at U.S.



AFRC Photo

Former AFRC Vice Commander,  
Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie, Jr.

European Command, he returned to Robins AFB as the vice commander for AFRC in November 2001.

General Batbie is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, La., where he earned his master of arts degree in business administration. He also earned his bachelor of arts degree in the same program at Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz. (AFRC News Service)

## 2005 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign begins

by Maj. Jenny Carpentier

The annual Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) Campaign officially kicks off during the March UTA. The campaign theme is "Commitment to Caring." That is exactly what this campaign is all about, Air Force personnel taking care of their own.

AFAF benefits four charities: the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS), the Air Force Village Indigent Widows' Fund (AFV), the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows' Fund (AFEV), and the LeMay Foundation Indigent Widows' Fund (LEMAY). Donations can be made to any or all funds. Donation boxes are located in each squadron and monitored by unit first sergeants.

Although the benefits available to Reserve members are limited while serving at home station, reservists may receive full emergency relief benefits from the AFAS after a period of activation. We've had several cases during recent mobilizations where the AFAS provided

financial assistance to 440th members—providing no interest loans with minimum information up front. Likewise, retired Air Force Reserve members and their families receive the same benefits as other Air Force retirees and may use the retirement communities.

This year the 440 AW is trying to raise \$1,391 during the campaign. This equates to \$1 per member assigned. Donations, which are tax deductible, must be made by cash or check payable to the Air Force Assistance Fund. Every dollar donated to the AFAS goes directly to its emergency assistance programs and not toward overhead and administrative costs.

The campaign runs through the May UTA. As an incentive, there will be a prize given to the squadron with the most participation. For more information, call Maj. Jenny Carpentier at (414) 482-5320 or Master Sgt. Meredith Roso at (414) 482-5424.

## Big Change in your life?

A member of the Wisconsin Mortgage Bankers Association will be in the lobby of building 101 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 5, offering information on buying a home, refinancing, setting up a home equity line of credit and Federal and state veterans mortgages.

Information on eligibility requirements, fees, rate buy downs, interest rate reductions and predatory prices will be available.

### The IG Says...

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Call Lt. Col. Harry Heflin or Master Sgt. Jay McClain at (414) 482-6025 or DSN 741-6025.

## Family Support Office to launch spouse orientation program

Heart Link slated to begin in June

by Ann F. Skarban

The 440th Airlift Wing's Family Support Office is launching a new spouse orientation program to help spouses of 440th Reservists learn more about the Air Force, Air Force Reserve and the 440th.

The program, named Heart Link, which recognizes Air Force spouses as the heart of the Air Force team, is new to the Air Force Reserve and the 440th Airlift Wing. It is modeled after similar programs run at many active duty Air Force bases.

"We hope to help spouses learn about the Air Force, what agencies and offices are at the 440th, how to contact those offices and what benefits are available to Reserve members and dependents. Our goal is to help Reserve spouses become more comfortable with the military and the 440th," said Susan Knauer, director of the 440th Family Support Office.

The program is meant to be beneficial and fun and will be taught by a number of 440th Reservists and civilian employees.

Family Support plans to offer Heart Link orientations on a quarterly basis. The day-long program will include briefings, games, tours, lunch and will be open to about 20 spouses.

"We hope to make this a useful and fun event for spouses," said Knauer.

**"Our goal is to help reserve spouses become more comfortable with the military and the 440th."**

Susan Knauer,  
Family Support Director

"This program should go from the fun, to the interesting to practical information for Reserve families," she added.

"Life in the Air Force is great. The more you know, the more you can take part in," said Knauer. She said this program is for spouses to make Air Force Reserve life easy and pleasant



*Image courtesy of Family Support*

Family Support will begin its new spouse orientation program, Heart Link, in June. The program will aid spouses of 440th Reservists in learning more about the Air Force.

and to identify the support mechanisms now in place should anyone need them.

For more information about the 440th's Heart Link program, or to be considered for participation in the program, contact the Wing Family Support Office at (414) 482-5424.

## 440th Airmen of the Quarter to attend course in Washington, D.C.

by Melissa Kimball

Two members of the 440th Security Forces Squadron, Technical Sgt. Matthew Wallner and Staff Sgt. Mark Honn, will soon be traveling to Washington, D.C., to attend the Congressional relations orientation course from March 13 to 16.

The Air Force sponsored course includes a tour of the Pentagon and other historical monuments, as well as the chance to view a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Both men will also have the chance to talk to some of their elected representatives about legislation that is in progress.

Wallner and Honn were selected to attend after being named Airmen of the Quarter. Wallner was honored for the third quarter of 2004 and Honn was named for the fourth quarter of 2004.

Wallner and Honn were selected out of a group of six people from other Security Forces squadrons to take part in the course.

Tech. Sgt. Wallner became a member of the 440th in September 1994. He is an Air Reserve Technician and is a supply/mobility custodian. This is not the first time Wallner will visit Washington, D.C. He was there in 2001 to assist with security at the annual Andrews AFB air show.

Wallner said this visit will hold more meaning for him. "I am more excited this time. It may be for a shorter duration, but the meaning and everything behind it will make this trip even more memorable." He is especially excited about the opportunity to tour the Pentagon. He said, "The last time I was there, we could only drive by and say 'Look, there is the Pentagon. See, it has five sides, isn't that cool?' This time I actually get to go in and walk the halls and talk to those that run the world's strongest volunteer military."

Staff Sgt. Mark Honn has been a member of the 440th since mid 1995. He is a combat arms

readiness instructor. His selection to attend this course came as a complete shock to him. "I was up against some pretty tough competition," he said. He also said that "Tech. Sgt. Wallner and I both had a similar dropped jaw expression" when they found out they had been selected for the trip and the course.

This will be his first time in Washington, D.C., as well as his first chance to tour the Pentagon. He is looking forward to "seeing our nation's monuments, especially the White House, and of course, the Pentagon." He is also "very interested to see not only the Air Force decision making process at its pinnacle, but our government as well."

Wallner and Honn will be joined by Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Kraft, NCOIC of standards and evaluations, who will act as an escort for them.



## NEWS & NOTES

### Promotions

SrA Natalie Gootee  
SrA Denise Giebel  
Amn Dontrell Grandberry

### Awards and Decorations

*The following individual has been awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal.*

MSgt. Michael Burzelic

### Retirements

Maj. Scott A Mahuta  
SMSgt. Melvin D. Dilley  
MSgt. David K. Lemaster  
MSgt. Marc Loeweke  
MSgt. Thomas R. Shircel  
TSgt. Raymond Reyes

### Newcomers

TSgt. James Nielson	440 MOF
SSgt. Alfredo Arvizo	440 CF
SSgt. Philip Brooks	34 APS
SSgt. Allen Campbell	34 APS
SSgt. Jon Karpinski	34 APS
SrA Rowland Hernandez	440 MDS
SrA Sandra Lambert	440 LRS
SrA Sandra Memmel	440 AW
SrA Dylan Zamorano	440 MDS
A1C Barry Oursler	440 CES
A1C Michael Prestidge	440 MXS

### Civilian employment information required

All reservists are required to disclose their civilian employers into a common department-wide database.

Members can enter employer data at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal>. For more information call the Military Personnel Flight at (414) 482-5308.

### Don't take medical records

Large numbers of wing members have been regularly deploying for overseas locations for more than a year now and the 440<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron has noticed a recurring problem with their part of the mobility processing. Many reservists are missing part, or all, of their medical records thus slowing the processing of deploying groups.

According to Medical Squadron officials, the problems are occurring because some reservists leave the hospital area with their records without proper authorization when they are going through routine physical exams.

The Medical Squadron is warning all reservists that it is a violation of Air Force Instructions and U.S. law "to remove without authorization" these records from the hospital or medical facility. All patients must check out of the Medical Squadron and turn in their records before they leave.

## Official Employers Day Application

Friday, July 15, 2005

*(Time will be determined by operational schedule)*

**(Please type or print clearly. If it's illegible-no invite)**

Employer's full name and title:

*(please circle/highlight one)* Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other:

Employer's company/agency name:

Employer's mailing address:

Employer's daytime phone number:

Reservist's name, rank, unit (office symbol):

Reservist's daytime phone number:

Note: A schedule of events will be in the information mailed to you and your employer.

Day will include:

- Registration/refreshments
- Welcome by the wing commander
- Base tour and orientation flight in a C-130
- Lunch
- Optional tour of your (reservist) workplace

The flight is subject to cancellation for weather or operational reasons.

**Note: This event is open ONLY to employers of 440th reservists**

Return this form by June 10 to:

440th AW/PA (rm. 111, bldg. 102)

300 E. College Ave.

General Mitchell ARS, WI 53207

Fax: (414) 482-5913

**e-mail:** 440AW.PA@generalmitchell.af.mil

### Operation Lighten the Load

The winners of the January UTA weigh-in are as follows:

Staff Sgt. Mike O'Brien, Airlift Control Flight;  
Staff Sgt. Kathy Evans, Logistics Readiness Squadron;  
Staff Sgt. Robert Lose, 34 Aerial Port Squadron; and  
Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Truesdill, Services Flight.

Each winner received a gift certificate to Massage Professionals in Oak Creek. For more information about taking part in Operation Lighten the Load, contact your first sergeant.

### BX case lot sale announced

The General Mitchell Air Reserve Station Base Exchange and the Great Lakes Commissary recently announced that a case lot sale will be held at both locations on Saturday, May 22.

The exchange will be sending out advertising flyers and e-mails as the sale date gets closer. For more information, call Teresa Barnes, exchange manager, at (414) 482-5291 or (414) 744-8028, or by e-mail at [barnest@aafes.com](mailto:barnest@aafes.com).

### FY05 changes to tuition assistance

A new tuition assistance form is now available and must be included for all tuition reimbursement applications. Along with the new form, Airmen now need two pieces of documentation when applying for tuition reimbursement: Grade report/transcript AND either a copy of the receipt from the school that details actual tuition paid by the Airman or a source document from the school that states how much the school charges per semester (or per quarter hour). Completed documents should be submitted no sooner than 45 days from the class start date but no later than 15 days; Grades are due within 30 days of class completion.

The Montgomery GI Bill is now available to reservists who are activated for 24 or more consecutive months.

More information is available from the Education & Training office in building 101 or by calling (414) 482-5306.

### Updated weather closing information

Reservists have one more way to find out if General Mitchell IAP-Air Reserve Station will be closed, or if report times will be delayed due to severe winter weather. Reservists can get the air station's status by logging on to <http://www.afrc.af.mil/440aw/>. The web site will have the current status posted.

The web site notice is an addition to the traditional announcements of closure or delays on TV and radio. The 440th has arranged to make such announcements with these Milwaukee area radio and TV outlets: WTMJ (620), WOKY (920), WISN (1130), WITI-FM (94.5), WRIT-FM (95.7), WLTQ-FM (97.3), WKKV-FM (100.7), WMIL-FM (106.1), WTMJ-TV (Channel 4) and WISN-TV (Channel 12). Severe weather closings and delays are posted on the civilian web site [www.themilwaukeechannel.com](http://www.themilwaukeechannel.com).

The Air Reserve station's status will also be announced in Illinois on WGN-AM (720) and WBBM-AM (780). Chicago TV stations will also carry the same information. Check CBS Channel 2, NBC Channel 5, ABC Channel 7, WGN Channel 9, WFLD Channel 32 and CLTV-Cable. The Illinois web site that carries the information is <http://www.emergencylosings.com>.

### Electronic yearbook needs inputs

The 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing is creating an "electronic yearbook" for unit members, guests and distinguished visitors. The yearbook would be similar to "tour books" created during deployments. The E-Yearbook will have a section for each unit, will cover one calendar year and will be saved on a CD/DVD. To make the 2004 yearbook a success, inputs are needed from each unit. Photos of 2004 deployments and annual tours are needed. Anyone who has photos (digital photos preferred) is encouraged to submit their photos to the project.

Send electronic photos to [ann.skarban@generalmitchell.af.mil](mailto:ann.skarban@generalmitchell.af.mil). Hard copy photos can be dropped at the Public Affairs Office, room 111, building 102.

### Citizen airman, employer award competition begins

WASHINGTON - April 1 is the deadline to nominate reservists and their employers for Air Force Reserve Command's Citizen Airman Award and Employer of the Year Award.

The awards recognize both an enlisted person and an officer who deployed in support of current operations in 2004. The employer award honors the person who strongly supported the activation and deployment of one or more Citizen Airmen.

Nominees should submit a one-page narrative of the reservist's contribution, a one-page narrative of how the employer helped his or her reservist and the Air Force Reserve and a biography on the reservist or employer.

Nominations should be mailed to Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh, 12313 Manchester Way, Woodbridge, VA 22192; faxed to DSN 227-9103 or commercial 703-697-9103; or e-mailed to [Troy.McIntosh@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:Troy.McIntosh@pentagon.af.mil) to arrive no later than April 1.

After a panel reviews the nominations, AFRC Commander Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley will select the winning entries.

The Air Force Association will recognize the selected reservists and employers at its annual convention in Washington in September. The reservists will receive a command plaque, and the employers will get an AFRC eagle trophy.

The awards program will pay the travel expenses of the employers and their spouses. Units will fund the selected reservists' trips. (AFRC News Service)

### No more paper LES

The last paper military leave and earnings statements (LES) were mailed Feb. 1. The last civilian LES will be mailed on March 1. After March 1, the only way to get LES information is through the computerized myPay system.

To use their myPay account, reservists and civilians were supposed to have activated a personal identification number by Dec. 31. The 440<sup>th</sup> Finance Office has installed a computer terminal in building 101 for members who do not have access to a computer. Reservists who do not have a personal identification number to access myPay should contact Patty Danes, Peggy Karbouski or Reggie Nash at (414) 482-5350.

Another way to obtain a temporary PIN is by going to the myPay web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil> and selecting the "new pin" button on the homepage. It may take 10 business days from the date of the request for the mail delivery of the new PIN.

In addition, reservists can ask for a new PIN by fax or mail. They need to sign their request and give their full name, social security number, a copy of their military photo identification and a daytime telephone number.

The fax number is (216) 522-5800 or DSN 580-5800. The mailing address is DFAS-Cleveland/Code PMMCCA, Attn: myPay, 1240 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, OH 44199-2055. People should wait at least two business days before using their PIN if they got it by fax and four days if by mail. They will not receive confirmation that their PIN has changed.

Unit commanders will get a report on wing members that do not have a PIN and are therefore not using myPay.

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